

REMARKS

Applicants are presenting a number of amendments above to improve form and clarity of the application, prior to examination. For example, the specification has been globally amended to replace the various uses of the phrases “light bulb” and “light bulbs” with references to light valve” or “light valves.” The system disclosed herein is a liquid crystal projector using liquid crystal panels (see ‘Field the of the Invention’ on page 1 of the specification). The various elements originally cited a light bulbs are liquid crystal elements (see e.g. paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2). These elements are shown as panels in the drawings (see e.g. elements 24, 25 and 26 in Fig. 17. Light is reflected when such an element is in the ON state (see e.g. page 5, lines 3-6 and 17-20). One of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the use of the “bulb” terminology was a misprint and clearly would have understood that the liquid crystal panels described in the specification were operating as light “valves.” Hence, the amendments to the specification to replace the “bulb” terminology with “valve” terminology does not introduce any new subject matter.

The original abstract was in the form of two paragraphs. A new single-paragraph abstract ahs been provided above.

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Of these claims, Applicants have amended claims 6, 10 and 11 to replace the “bulb” terms with the more appropriate “valve” terms. As discussed above relative to the specification amendments, such changes in terminology do not introduce new subject matter. Claim 6 also has been amended to correct the spelling of “projects” and to more clearly indicate that the projection lens projects images modulated by the light valves, in conformance with the specification and the earlier recitation of the valve function

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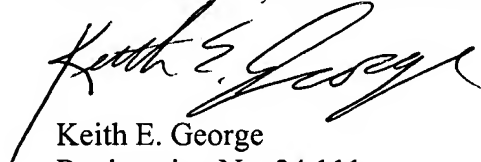
in the third paragraph of claim 6. It is respectfully submitted that these various corrections do not narrow claim scope in any material way.

Entry of the amendments to the specification, abstract and claims is respectfully requested. Applicants also request a prompt favorable examination of their application for patent.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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